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ALASKA AND YUKON TERRITORY

MY MOTTO IS: "SUCCESSFUL HUNTING TRIPS — AND TO PLEASE MY PARTIES."

CAMP JUST LIKE HOME

Whitehorse Y T Canada
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Mr Wm Buman.
Harlan IOWA.

My Dear Old Friend Big Bear Bill.

your long looked for Letter of Dec 23th came on last Mail and when i say last Mail i mean we only get our Mail when ever it Arrives as we have this winter one poor Mail service get Mail about twice a Month. but never the less William your Letter was much enjoyed by us all and especially the pictures of your self and wife will say that you looked like the Duke of York ever in front of that Hotel in Honolulu. i did not know that you went to Honolulu on your Honey Moon just thought that you went to California but now Bill i will haft to call you a Globe Trotter. but never the less Bill it is nice to see the world and next winter i may take the same trip my self as i, am going to go to California for the winter and i may take the trip over to see the Girls with the Grass Skirts they allways looked good to me Bill. Ha Ha

well Bill we are still Liveing in Whitehorse have not been outside in 5 years now so next winter i, am going out and let this Yukon dust blow off of us will go to Cal and dont know where else but am going to have a good trip once more before i get to Old and fable. well Bill will ~~write~~ now tell you of last year movements i Bought a 8 Acre Ranch joining Town and i keep my self busy on it untill late in July had a very good crop on it this year but us about 5 Tons of Oats and Barley Hay and had lots of garden stuff. and this year a will raise a good crop as i have all the water that i will need for irrigateing the land. the New Zealand party could not come on account of sickness but ferfeted there \$1000. Deposit to me and the on Aug 16th. i left Town with H.O. Harrison and wife of San Francisco Cal you will remember that H O was up with me the year before you were up here. well we went to the same old Hunting Ground that we Hunted over when you were up here. as i said before we left whitehorse on Aug 16th- and returned back to whitehorse on Oct 9th. well Bill we had one fine Hunt and brought back the goods with us 4 Sheep the largest 41. inch curle 15 Base the ether three 37 38 39^{res}respectable curles. 5 Caribou all fine Heads 2 Moose large one with 62.1/2 spread with 26 points and a big Massive Head it was the finest Moose Head that i have ever sent out of the Territory and you know that i have sent out some Heads. we got 3 Grizzleys large one 110 inches long next one 108 inches long and 86 inch the other the two large Bear had 16.1/2. and 16 inch Skulls so you see that they were some Bear he should of get 5 more Grizzleys but his sights get shifted and he missed the others but nearly got us into serious trouble with Four of them but as luck would have it we got away with are hides in tact it is a long story so went try to tell you about it. we seen 17 Grizzleys on the trip and seen 22 Wolf,s but did not get One. we also get One Wolverine. we did not see a Bear in the Gernic Glacier. the Yukon Government Game Sheet will come out seen in Outdoor Life and you will see who is the best Guide in the Yukon that is the One that brings out the goods with his partys. there was quite a lot of Hunting partys into the Yukon the ^{past} Season. i, am haveing back the Struble Family with me the coming Season *over*

and i may handle another party beside, the Jacquett Bros handled Three partys the past Seasion but made a fizzle of it did not get there partys very many Trephies but they made the Money never the less. if i handle the second party i will put Pete Brazer in charge of party and you know Bill that they will get a squair deal with Pete in charge. i have not lost only Four Horses since you were us here that Mair that was nearly Blind Teets and Maud Bied the winter after you were us here old Barney Bied the next winter and Old Bill Bied last Fall on our way back on Kluan Lake we had some kind of sickness us here last Summer with our Horses i had Four sick Horses all the time while on the trip they would loose controle of there hind Legs and would swel all up in there Hind Legs and could not make water i keep giveing them Turpine and Sugar that was all the Medicin i had but i got the other three Home and saved them but now i have Turk and Bugs in Feeding them and will turn them out about Feb 15th, as they are in good shaze now and we are haveing one grand winter us here only about 8 inches of Snow and have not had no cold weather us to Date to Day it was 30 above Zero and has been warm the whole month. i have Buck and Ginger Hird out to the White Pass Co for the winter they are sure Two fine Horses are allways Fat i have never seen them peer since i bought them and that Horse Major is sure some fine Horse and also the Kid Horse both of them sure turn out to be fine Horses both of them are larger than Buck and Ginger. Nigger Colt is larger than she is now he is going to make a good chunk of a Horse. i did not go into the Fox Ranching yet as there was several outside Buyers came into the Territory last Fall and they drove the prices up Sky High on Fox Breederd they paid as high as \$1200. per pair for Live Fox so now i will wate untill the prices come down to suit me pocket Book before i start into the Buisness but at that Bill i think it is one of the very best Buisness to go into to Day.

> yes Bill i get all of my Money out of both Caraway and Graham but have never herd from eather of them since they left from us here or never herd from Pat but once. but had a Letter not long ago from a Taxerdemist Friend in Los Angeles saying that Pat had been into his place of Buisness and told him that he had Huhted with me up in the Yukon and Pat gave me a very good send off to my Friend. Caraway and Graham had that Fellow Oliver at Champaine get for them some Stuff made by the indians and Oliver sent it to them and Caraway sent his back but Graham keep his and never did send Oliver the Money i think that Graham was a dirty Cur.

well Bill Pete Brazer is back at Maye went back last Oct Big Bill Gernic is outside around prince Ruest Rey Churchill is here in Town Mike Knowles is still ever around McCarthy and Johnie Frazzer is out around Champaine i have never took him on another trip since you were us here he was to slow to suit me. i now have Two Indians that works for me on tries and both of them are cracker Jacks there Names are Jake Fred, and Johnie Brown both good Boys.

> i hope by the time that you get this Letter that your Sen or Baughter witch ever it may be will be able to say Bady and Manma and i hope that ever thing went well with the Arrival of the young Human in your Famley

i, am sorry to hear that the prices of every thing is so Low back there if you had some of your Hogs us here you could get a good price for them as i bought a Hog Bressed not long ago from the Butcher here and paid 30¢ per pound for it. Beef is 20¢ per pound by the quater and we paid 55¢ per pound for Terkey at XMAS time what are they werth back their.

well Bill can't think of no more News at this time so will close for this time hope to here from you againe in side of the next year. heeding that you have better prices for what you raise this year than what you get the past year and that ever thing go smoth and easy for you. so wishing you and your famley the complements of the Seasion best wishes from the

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